

**Delta Protection Commission Meeting
March 17, 2022**

AGENDA ITEM 9: Drought in the Delta

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Presented by: Michael George, Delta Watermaster; Campbell Ingram, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy; Dante Nomellini Sr., Central Delta Water Agency

Requested Action: **Receive report on 2022 Drought in the Delta and related activities**

Type of Action: Information

The current water year continues the drought conditions of the previous years and places enormous strain on statewide water users and the environment. The Delta is not exempt from these effects, and a number of actions will have an impact on Delta water use and quality.

Delta Watermaster Michael George will discuss the likely impact of a number of drought-related actions on the Delta region, including the State Water Resources Control Board-Division of Water Rights methodology for possible water curtailments and the proposed temporary urgency change petitions (TUCPs) to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan that were submitted by the State Water Project and Central Valley Project.

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Executive Officer Campbell Ingram will again brief the Commission on the Delta Drought Response Pilot Program, supplementing his January 2022 presentation before the Commission with additional information on enrollments in the program. The Pilot Program will provide funding from DWR to create an incentive for agricultural water users in the Legal Delta to reduce crop consumptive water use in the 2022 growing season for the benefit of Delta water quality.

Central Delta Water Agency General Counsel Dante Nomellini Sr. will provide a Delta water agency perspective on the proposed state agency actions.

Relationship to Vision 2030 (Commission strategic plan):

Education and Outreach (Strategic Theme)

O.1 Ensure consistent, proactive communications between and among Delta interests and decision makers.